

a decline in population, but a combination of them would probably be contributing reasons for a decline in population in urban areas.

Since 1900, Kinston has increased in population by 543% or 18,203 persons as compared to Lenoir County's increase of 196%, or 18,639 persons. (Table 2 reflects population increases.) Kinston has had an average increase in population of 28.6% per decade since 1900, while the county averaged 17.1% per decade in this period. Township population has been somewhat sporadic when all townships are considered. Since 1930 Kinston Township has almost doubled with the Neuse Township more than doubling in population.

TABLE 2
POPULATION INCREASES IN KINSTON AND LENOIR COUNTY
1900-1970*

YEAR	KINSTON	% CHANGE	LENOIR COUNTY	% CHANGE
1900	4,106		18,639	
1910	6,995	70.4%	22,769	22.2%
1920	9,771	39.7%	29,555	29.8%
1930	11,362	16.3%	35,716	20.8%
1940	15,388	35.4%	41,211	15.4%
1950	18,336	19.2%	45,953	11.5%
1960	24,819	34.4%	55,331	20.4%
1970	22,309	- 10.1%	55,276	- 0.1%
AVERAGE INCREASE PER DECADE	2,886	28.6%	5,224	17.1%
AVERAGE DECADE IN- CREASE SINCE 1950	-	12.3%	-	10.1%

SOURCE: 1970 Population of Census, U. S. Bureau of the Census.